

CONGRESSIONAL RECORD SUMMARY

Friday, November 16, 2001

SENATE

Measures Introduced:

S. 1719. A bill to amend *title 18, United States Code*, with respect to false communications about certain criminal violations, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Feinstein

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S. 1721. *A bill to designate the building located at 1 Federal Plaza in New York, New York, as the "James L. Watson United States Court of International Trade Building;" to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.*

Clinton

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S. 1723. *A bill to amend the Fair Credit Reporting Act with respect to the statute of limitations on actions; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.*

Leahy

Pages S 12001, S 12005-6

"...I am pleased to join my colleague from Vermont in introducing a bill [S. 1723] to protect victims of identity theft. This legislative remedy is prompted by the sweeping impact of the Supreme Court's decision this past week on the rights of more than 750,000 Americans who annually have their identity stolen and their credit put at risk. Under current law, consumers have a two-year statute of limitations to sue credit reporting companies that fail to protect private financial information from improper disclosures and security lapses. [] Our bill, the Protect the Victims of Identity Theft Act of 2001, changes that rule. As stated, it simply clarifies that the statute of limitations for identity theft does not start until the consumer discovers the problem or should have discovered the problem..." (Grassley, Page S 12006)

S. 1728. A bill to provide for greater security at seaports; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

Snowe

Pages S 12001, S 12006-7

S. Con. Res. 85. *A concurrent resolution providing for a conditional adjournment or recess of the Senate and a conditional adjournment of the House of Representatives; considered and agreed to.*

Daschle

Pages S 12001, S 12007-8

Measures Passed:

Adjournment Resolution: *Senate agreed to S. Con. Res. 85, providing for a conditional adjournment or recess of the Senate and a conditional adjournment of the House of Representatives.*

Pages S 11988, S 12007-8, D 1159

Victims of Terrorism Relief Act: Committee on Finance was discharged from further consideration of **H.R. 2884**, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide tax relief for victims of the terrorist attacks against the United States, and the bill was then passed, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto:

Pages S 11991-3, D 1159

Torricelli (for Baucus) Amendment No. 2163, in the nature of a substitute.

Page S 11993, D 1159

S. 1447. Aviation Security Act Conference Report:

*Senate agreed to the conference report on S. 1447, to improve aviation security.
Pages S 11974-85, D 1160*

Remark:

Internet Tax Nondiscrimination Act.
Reid

Pages S 11995-6

HOUSE

Bills Introduced:

H.R. 3310. A bill to improve the ability of the United States to prepare for and respond to a biological threat or attack; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committees on the Judiciary, and Agriculture, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

Ganske

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H.R. 3311. A bill to prohibit the unauthorized possession of a cutting instrument, chemical spray, or an electric weapon in an aircraft or on the premises of an airport; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Jackson-Lee

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H.R. 3315. A bill to improve the solvency of the Social Security Program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

DeFazio

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H.R. 3316. A bill to amend the National Institute of Standards and Technology Act to establish research programs to improve the security of networked information systems, to enhance the ability of the National Institute of Standards and Technology to improve computer security, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Science.

Baird

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H.R. 3319. *A bill to amend the Revised Statutes of the United States to limit the recovery of attorneys' fees in certain civil rights cases; to the Committee on the Judiciary.*

DeMint

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H.R. 3320. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to encourage guaranteed lifetime income payments from annuities and similar payments of life insurance proceeds at dates later than death by taxing the income portion of such payments at capital gains rates; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

English

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H.R. 3332. A bill to amend the Social Security Act to *provide greater equity and efficiency to the Social Security Administration's payment system for representation of claimants*, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Shaw

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Bills Introduced (Cont'd.):

H.R. 3333. A bill to amend title 4, United States Code, to declare English as the official language of the

Government of the United States; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce, and in addition to the Committee on the Judiciary, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

Stump

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H.R. 3337. *A bill to ensure that a Federal employee who takes leave without pay in order to perform service as a member of the uniformed services or member of the National Guard shall continue to receive pay in an amount which, when taken together with the pay and allowances such individual is receiving for such service, will be no less than the basic pay such individual would then be receiving if no interruption in employment had occurred; to the Committee on Government Reform.*

Wexler

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Report Filed:

Report was filed today as follows:

Conference report on S. 1447, to improve aviation security (House Report 107-296).

Pages H 8336, D 1160

S. 1447. Aviation Security Act:

The House agreed to the conference report on S. 1447, to improve aviation security by a yea-and-nay vote of 410 yeas to 9 nays, Roll No. 448--clearing the measure for the President.

Pages H 8262-82, H 8300-15, D 1160

Earlier agreed by unanimous consent that it be in order to consider the conference report, that it be considered as read; and that all points of order against the conference report and against its consideration be waived.

Pages H 8262, D 1160

H.R. 3083. William L. Beatty Federal Building and United States Courthouse, Alton, Illinois:

The House passed H.R. 3083, to designate the Federal Building and United States Courthouse located at 501 Bell Street in Alton, Illinois, as the "William L. Beatty Federal Building and United States Courthouse."

Pages H 8323-4, D 1161

S. Con. Res. 85. Thanksgiving District Work Period:

The House agreed to S. Con. Res. 85, providing for a conditional adjournment or recess of the Senate and a conditional adjournment of the House of Representatives.

Pages H 8332, D 1161

Bills Presented To The President Of The United States:

H.R. 2500. *Making appropriations for the Departments of Commerce, Justice, and State, the Judiciary, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2002, and for other purposes.*

H.J. Res. 74. *Making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2002, and for other purposes.*

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Committee Meetings:

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on Government Efficiency, Financial Management, and Intergovernmental Relations held a hearing on "Does America Need A National Identifier?"

Committee on Ways and Means: Ordered reported, as amended, **H.R. 3210**, Terrorism Risk Protection Act.

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Remarks:

Declaration Of Official English Act. (H.R. 3333)

"...This legislation establishes English as the official language of the U.S. government, requires that naturalization ceremonies be conducted solely in English, repeals the federal bilingual education requirements and repeals bilingual voting requirements..."

Stump

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Introduction Of The Computer Security Enhancement And Research Act Of 2001. (H.R. 3316)

"...This legislation will address long-term needs in securing the nation's information infrastructure as well as strengthening the security of the non-classified computer systems of federal agencies..."

Baird

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Upon Introduction Of The Lifetime Annuity Payout Act. (H.R. 3320)

"...The legislation we are introducing, The Lifetime Annuity Payout (LAP) act, encourages people to use an annuity to provide retirement income. An annuity is a retirement tool that offers a steady stream of income for life--much like Social Security. The proposal calls for annuity payouts to be taxed at capital gains rates instead of ordinary income rates if the owner of an individual annuity elects lifetime payments from his or her contract..."

English

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Northern Border Security.

"... I will be supporting an effort by Representative Obey to add \$145 million to the Defense Appropriations/Supplemental bill to fulfill the U.S. Customs Service's emergency request for an additional 800 border security guards in the wake of the September 11 tragedy. It is unconscionable that we would not meet this need to ensure security along the Northern Border and provide Americans with the service they need to be able to conduct cross-border business and visits..."

Baldacci

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Retirement Security Advice Act Of 2001.

LaFalce

Pages E 2120-1

Attorney Fee Payment System Improvement Act 2001. (H.R. 3332)

Matsui

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Introduction Of The Attorney Fee Payment System Improvement Act Of 2001. (H.R. 3332)

"...I am introducing legislation that, if enacted, would update and improve the fee payment system to attorneys who represent Social Security Disability Insurance claimants as well as Supplemental Security Income claimants..."

Shaw

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Next SENATE MEETING: Tuesday, 10:30 a.m., November 27, 2001.

Next HOUSE MEETING: Monday, 2:00 p.m., November 19, 2001.

OLA: S. Schwarz (Smith)